



## Transit Commission

### Minutes

**Meeting #:** 3  
**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2023  
**Time:** 9:30 am  
**Location:** Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and by electronic participation

**Present:** Chair Glen Gower, Vice-Chair Cathy Curry, Councillor Riley Brockington, Councillor Marty Carr, Councillor David Hill, Councillor Jeff Leiper, Councillor Wilson Lo, Councillor Shawn Menard, Councillor Tim Tierney

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1. Notices and meeting information for meeting participants and the public  

Notices and meeting information are attached to the agenda and minutes, including: availability of simultaneous interpretation and accessibility accommodations; *in camera* meeting procedures; information items not subject to discussion; personal information disclaimer for correspondents and public speakers; notices regarding minutes; and remote participation details.

Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.

Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on March 8, 2023, in Transit Commission Report 3.

The deadline to register by phone to speak, or submit written comments or visual presentations is 4 pm on March 2, 2023, and the deadline to register to speak by email is 8:30 am on March 3, 2023.
  2. Declarations of Interest  

No Declarations of Interest were filed.
  3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 TTC Minutes 2 – February 9, 2023**Carried**

## 4. Presentations

4.1 OC Transpo Update – Rail, Bus, and Para Transpo

The following Transit Services Department staff provided an oral update and answered questions from the Commission. A copy of their slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

- Renée Amilcar, General Manager, Transit Services Department
- Jocelyne Turner, Director, Strategic Communications and External Relations
- Pat Scrimgeour, Director, and Scott Laberge, Associate Director, Transit Customer Systems and Planning
- Paul Treboutat, Chief Safety Officer
- Troy Charter, Director, and David Barkley, Associate Director, Transit Service Delivery and Rail Operations

John Redins spoke before the Commission on this item.

## 5. In Camera Items

There were no *in camera* items.

## 6. Motions of Which Notice has been Previously Given

6.1 Motion – Para Transpo Fare Zone Study, Barrhaven-Riverside South and Manotick

File no: ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0025 – Wards 3, 21, 22 and 24

Councillor W. Lo introduced the motion. Pat Scrimgeour, Director, Transit Customer Systems and Planning, answered questions from Commission.

Commission received the following submissions, and a copy of each is filed with the Office of the City Clerk:

- Carol Chayer (Share Community) email dated February 14
- Jennie Maynard email dated March 2

John Redins spoke before the Commission on this item.

Following discussions, Councillor Lo withdrew the motion and indicated he was willing to instead submit an inquiry that was City-wide in scope.

Moved by W. Lo

**Motion:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** staff study the feasibility of creating a special fare zone for Para Transpo trips originating from locations in wards 3, 22 (west of and including Boothfield Street), and 24 ending within the Manotick Village boundary in Ward 21 and vice versa; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the study assumes trips within the special fare zone be charged as urban fares instead of the current rural flat rate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** along with any relevant information, the study include the following data:

- Number of trips taken between Ward 3 and Manotick Village in 2019 and 2022;
- Number of trips taken between Ward 22 (west of and including Boothfield Street) and Manotick Village in 2019 and 2022;
- Number of trips taken between Ward 24 and Manotick Village in 2019 and 2022;
- Revenue, ridership, and passenger impacts;
- Financial impacts to the city and residents.

**Withdrawn**

7. Notices of Motions (For Consideration at Subsequent Meeting)

7.1 Subscription Model for Hybrid Workers

Submitted by Councillor D. Hill:

**WHEREAS** the Statistics Canada December 2022 Labour Force Survey found that approximately 1 out of every 10 workers now works both at home and at an employer provided workspace (commonly referred to as “hybrid working”).

**WHEREAS** over one hundred thousand federal public sector employees who work in Ottawa have been instructed by the Federal Government to return to work on a hybrid basis of two to three days per week.

**WHEREAS other Private Sector employers have also begun to require employees to work from the office using a hybrid working model.**

**WHEREAS Priority 7 of the Climate Change Master Plan calls on the City of Ottawa to incentivize private action to reduce GHG emissions, including increasing usage of public transit.**

**WHEREAS a worker using transit to commute to work fulltime would make on average 44 trips per work month and an employee only commuting for two days a week may make ten or less trips over the same period.**

**WHEREAS a worker using a Monthly Pass to commute to work fulltime would save an average of \$37.30 when commuting to work 22 days a month, and that same worker would now stand to lose \$51.50 if using a Monthly Pass and commuting to work 10 days a month.**

**WHEREAS the current OC Transpo Monthly Pass is designed to provide subscribers with value after their 34th trip or after their 17th day and is no longer financially valuable to hybrid workers working in an office two or less days per work week.**

**WHEREAS the approximate average cost of parking in downtown Ottawa is \$20.00 per day and competing with the cost of parking has not proved a sufficient financial incentive to attract hybrid workers back to public transit.**

**WHEREAS the New York Metro Transit Authority, the largest transit provider in North America, has introduced an innovative 20-Trip Ticket for its Metro North Railroad to provide a 20% discount to incentive hybrid workers taking the Authority's Metro North Railroad.**

**WHEREAS commuters have spent three years reconditioned to using their cars, and innovative incentives are required to change their behavior and entice hybrid workers back to public transit.**

**WHEREAS a current barrier to public transit is the lack of incentive for many hybrid workers to get a transit pass because there is no subscription that meets their needs.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Transit Commission direct staff to develop, and report back to Transit Commission and Council on, a new monthly renewable fare model targeted to hybrid workers.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the new subscription model be designed to provide hybrid workers with similar incentives as they received when using the Monthly Pass to commute to work five days a week.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an appropriate marketing plan that addresses the cost of private vehicle parking, the significant increase in highway traffic year-over-year, and the benefits of the new hybrid pass by developed for launch in concert with the new subscription model.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff provide to the Transit Commission a report by Q3 2023 outlining their progress on the development of the new subscription model or models with a goal of implementation no later than Q4 2023.**

8. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 13, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.

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Committee Coordinator

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Chair